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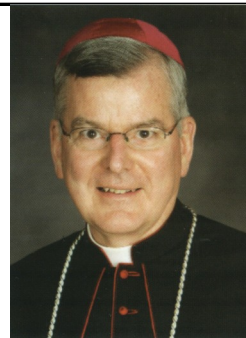
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Archbishop Nienstedt Requests Knights Attendance at Forum



Dear Brother Knights,

I write to encourage you to support and attend an important event. In cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life, we ask that you join us for the **Reclaiming the Culture of Marriage and Life Spring Forum, April 17, 2010** at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul.

Following Mass at 8:00 am at the St. Paul Seminary, we will have two keynote speakers, both of whom are national experts. Maggie Gallagher, President of the Institute for Marriage Public Policy, and the Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland and co-creator of California Proposition 8 will be presenting. They will provide important perspective to help us understand what it takes to defend marriage successfully, both on a national and local level.

While there is no charge to attend this event, a reservation is required. To do so, you must contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488.

I invite you to join with me in prayer for the important opportunity to examine our call as a Church to build a civilization of love and a culture of life, and to reawaken our call as faithful citizens to active participation in the public debate. Now more than ever, we must answer that call, to which the laity are given a specific responsibility.

As proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council,

“The laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth. Thus every layman, in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon him, is at the same time a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the Church itself „according to the measure of Christ's bestowal.” (Eph. 4:7).” *Lumen Gentium*, no. 33

With every good wish, I am,
Cordially yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

KC Ultrasound Initiative

By: Ricardo Acevedo,
State Deputy



My column this month will focus on a recently announced KC program managed and offered by Supreme with direct and proven impact of saving un-born children...The KC Ultrasound Initiative. If you had a chance to read the article starting on Page 9 of January's Columbia magazine, you already know this program and the benefits. The initiative, sponsored by the Order, will offer matching funds for the purchase of an ultrasound machine to be given to a prolife clinic. Actual stories in the Columbia and available on the web at <http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/ultra.html> prove that mother's who actually "see" their unborn child within the womb have changed their minds and kept their precious gift rather than have an abortion.

The quality of ultrasound machines has drastically improved. 3D vision and color allow the parents to really see a living being within the womb. These machines also come with a heavy cost, often in the \$25,000 - \$30,000 or more range. Your donation of \$2.00 per year in the Pro-Life per Capita gives Supreme a fund in which we, as members, can share the cost of a machine.

During the State Deputy June meeting with other State Deputy's, I learned that several of my peers have arranged to acquire machines at cost. By networking we can actually lower the cost of a machine to \$14,000. Now we are dealing with a realistic cost if an organization or council can raise \$7500. Then via the Supreme matching fund program, we can purchase an ultrasound machine.

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Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Convention

May 14-16, 2010—St. Cloud, MN

Registrations Due April 15, 2010

Get delegates registered and meals ordered NOW!



WHERE ARE THE LADY OF CHARITY PICTURES?

Please contact Past State Deputy Gene Hippe at 320-235-8275 if you know where any of the pictures are of Our Lady of Charity. Four of the pictures are missing and need to be located. Contact Gene and he will make arrangements to have them picked up. It is important that we have an accounting of all the framed 30" X 40" pictures that were sent to Minnesota by Supreme.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 4, 2010—Happy Easter
April 10, 2010—Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Supreme Council Assessments
April 10, 2010—End of Year Reports due to State Program Director
April 25, 2010—World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 14-16, 2010—State Convention

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Dave Neeser Inducted Into Supreme KC Hall of Fame

David E. Neeser's extraordinary service, loyalty and dedication to the Order over the course of his 41-year career earned him induction into the Knights of Columbus Hall of Fame. The announcement was made by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing, during the General Agents' Meeting in Marco Island, Florida, on January 11, 2010.

Dave joined the Order in 1965 in Council 3603 in Foley, Minnesota. He entered the field force as a field agent in the Gayle Lafond Agency on August 1, 1968 and served until November 30, 1983.

Accepting the position of general agent in 1983, Dave worked as general agent in Minnesota from December 1, 1983 through March 31, 2009. During that time, Dave proceeded to finish at 100% or better of quota an astounding 22 of his 25 full years.

A consummate gentleman, an avid hunter, a devout Catholic, a proud member of the Order, a loving husband, father and grandfather, after a storied 41-year career, Dave retired as a general agent on March 31, 2009. He has served as a mentor to countless agents and general agents along the way.

The Order was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, and one of its primary aims was to enable its members to protect their families with life insurance. The amount of Knights of Columbus life insurance in force has more than doubled in the past decade to \$73 billion.

Knights of Columbus is one of only three insurance companies in North America to receive the highest possible rating from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++) and certification of ethical business practices from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA).

The Minnesota Knights offer their congratulations to Dave, as well as thanks for your many years of service to the Minnesota Knights of Columbus!

RSVP Program

How much do you know about the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program? (RSVP) Does your council participate? RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation to help with educational and living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Last year, financial help from councils to future priests, sisters and brothers, exceeded \$2.6 million. A total of 4,513 seminarians and postulants received RSVP support from more than 2,500 local units. Since 1981 the Order has provided more than \$38 million in aid through RSVP, helping 61,196 men and women follow their vocations.

This past year Minnesota 43 councils provided over \$58,000 to 104 people in religious formation programs. There were 18 councils that gave \$500, 11 Councils gave \$1000, and 14 councils gave \$1500 or more, with the top council donating \$11,500. Councils received \$100-\$2300 in refunds from Supreme totaling \$11,500. Over the past years councils and assemblies in Minnesota have given over \$886,000 to this program. Qualifying councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 given to an individual, while the refund for Squires is \$20 for every \$100 donated. So in reality a \$500 council donation only costs \$400 and a donation of \$100 from a Squire Circle only costs \$80.

If you or your council wants to learn more about the RSVP Program please contact Deacon Jim McLaughlin 952-881-7430 or marionhourofprayer@mnknights.org

State Programs

By: Robert Mathewson, State Program Director

Worthy Knights I want to thank you for all of the great events that you have hosted over this last year. I know that for most of you, it started at the beginning of our fiscal year and has not stopped yet. It is so great to hear all the positive comments I hear about the Knights of Columbus as I travel around the state. Please fill out the end of year forms and return them to me by April 10th, 2010 and then come to the State Convention and see how many awards your council can receive. As we were taught as kids it's always better to give than receive, so please fill out the forms and let the State Council give you the recognition that you deserve. Call me at 763-754-2892 if you have any questions.

My address is : 1001 105th Ave NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433



Enjoy a Spirit-Filled Easter Season

By: Father David Maciej, State Chaplain

Each year the Catholic Church, and all Christians, celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as the prime event in the history of our salvation. It is true that, despite all the miracles and teachings that Jesus performed, if he had not risen from the dead, we would only have a great example of goodness and love. We would not have someone who has conquered that great unknown which we call "death."

It's not too hard to talk about Easter. We often do so in our churches, and rightly so. Our society does so as well—unfortunately, however, often without any reference to Jesus as the reason for the subject. As with all things relating to God, when it comes down to really believing in the resurrection of Christ and in our own destiny of rising, our faith is tested more than a little. The "unknown" is always there. With the rare exceptions of those who are given visions or special revelations by the Lord, just about all of us have to grapple with our all-too-human fears and doubts. Truly believing that Jesus did rise, and that my physical death is not the end for me, requires a step (leap?) of faith that can seem very challenging.

It seems that each of us has to come to this act of faith within our own hearts. The Church gives us the teachings of truth. Our parents, teachers and others pass on these teachings to us. Yet, it is we who have to finally come to grips inside ourselves on what we will choose to believe or not believe. Hopefully, as we look at our own experience of God's presence, and of how he has created, formed and guided us, we will respond with a convicted "I do believe!", and will build our lives around that assertion of faith.

May the Lord Jesus bring each of us his special gift of joy this Easter. And may our lives continue to grow, as we more and more place ourselves into his loving arms. May God bless each of you with a wonderful, Spirit-filled Easter Season!



Easter Hope

By: Father Richard Colletti, Associate State Chaplain

Having concluded our Lenten observances and practices, we experienced once again that through the Paschal Mystery God heals, He loves and He forgives. The Cross of Christ reminded us that God's arms are opened wide in a loving embrace, that He has smashed the rock of the Tomb and that He has given us a new life in Himself. Lent was a preparation for Easter - but it is so much more. During Lent we learned that our participation in the Paschal Mystery is not without suffering nor death, and that within our lived experiences, there is a sacred Presence and Love which constantly sustains us with His forgiveness.

Hope is essential to life. God gives us that hope with the good news of Christ's resurrection. It is a hope that assures us that even death has been defeated and we will live with God forever. But it is also a hope that empowers us to live in a new way right now. Jesus said, "I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Jesus wants us to have a rich and abundant life. He wants us to be filled with hope and he wants us to share that hope with others. Jesus tells us, "I am the light of the world." He illumines our path, shows us how to live and leads us into faithfulness with the light of hope. His light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overcome it.

Families Are Deserving Of This Award

By: Terry Meyer, Family Activities Director



It is so easy to choose and submit a **Family of the Month** from your council yet so few councils are doing this. Please consider choosing a family who, by their actions and participation in Knights, church and family activities, exemplify the ideals of the Knights of Columbus. You should be doing this every month.

Simply go to: www.kofc.org; click on "search"; click on KofC.org; click "forms"; click "council"; find "Family of the Month" form #1993A; click "on-line"; then follow directions and click "submit". Call Terry Meyer @ 763-786-7982 with any questions.

Also remember to submit your council's choice for **Family of the Year** to Bob Mathewson before April 10th for consideration at the state level.



Don't forget to visit our web-site at:

www.mnknights.org

State Secretary Notes

By: Craig Larson, State Secretary



As of today, 66 councils have donated \$11127.77 to the Pennies for Seminarians Fund and \$7253.25 to the Jim Campbell Scholarship Fund. We are off to a wonderful start and I know that many more councils will be generous to these worthy programs. It's not too late to send in your donation so it will be included in the reports at the convention.

I have also been receiving delegate registrations for the convention coming up next month in St Cloud. Over 10% of the councils have registered so far and I'm hoping that we surpass the council attendance from last year's convention where there were over two thirds of the councils in the state were represented. I would like to encourage all councils to pre-register their delegates. It will make things go much smoother for the delegate check-in process. I would also like to ask all the councils that haven't been to a convention in a while to send a delegate or two. You don't know how much fun you are missing.

As you are reading this, thousands of Tootsie Rolls are on the way to councils all across the state. Every council will be looking for volunteers to distribute the Tootsie Rolls so sign up for a shift, bring your family, and have fun helping some great organizations. Council chairmen, please be prompt in sending in your reports and funds. Remember to send a cashier's check (payable to **Minnesota State Council-MR Fundraiser**) from your collections. **DO NOT WRITE A COUNCIL CHECK!** The sooner the funds get sent in, the sooner they can help the people in your area.

Thank you for all that you do for the Knights of Columbus. We live in a great state with great brother knights! I hope to see many of you in St Cloud. Vivat Jesu!

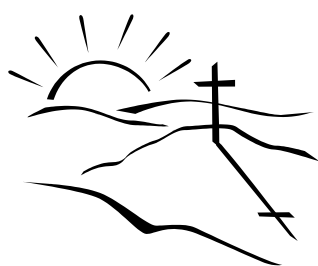


Auxiliary News

By: Margaret Hendricks, Historian/Publicity

Come celebrate 40 years as a State Auxiliary at the 40th annual State Auxiliary Convention on Saturday, April 24, hosted by Minneapolis #435 at the church of the Holy Name in Minneapolis. A great day has been planned. Remember to get your forms in by their deadlines. A Secretary and 3rd Person on Audit is needed to fill a slate of officers. If asked, please say yes. Since we are celebrating 40 years as a State Auxiliary, everyone is encouraged to wear red. We hope to see many of you at the convention!

An Auxiliary is needed to host the 2011 State Convention.



Alleluia!

He is risen!

Happy Easter!

Tootsie Roll Drive—A Sign of Spring

By: Marc Peters, Dev. Disabilities Fund Raiser Chairman

What does April bring? Rain showers, Easter, 4th degree exemplification, and oh yes, the tootsie roll drive. Certainly signs of spring!

The 30th annual Fundraiser for developmental disabilities is April 23-25 for most councils. This is, by far, the largest program in the state. Over 230 councils will be participating in this event. The program is simple: pass out Tootsie Rolls and ask for a donation. The proceeds go to programs and organizations that work with persons with developmental disabilities. That is the focus of this program. There are a lot of shifts available and a lot of entrances to cover. We need every Knight and every family member that we can passing out candy. The more candy we pass out, the more donations that are taken in and the more that we can distribute. So please contact your chairperson and volunteer 2 to 3 hours.

Final reminder; we need the paperwork along with the check from your collections by May 10th to Ray Wojtysiak. Follow the instructions and the checks will be forthcoming.

Thanks for all your effort.

A Lot to Do Yet

By: Joe Konrardy, State Treasurer



Happy Easter to all,

A few weeks ago, at our State Officer's meeting, the entire group visited the shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe just outside of LaCrosse. What a gift that was given to all. We walked up the hill to a huge, breathe taking church—stained glass, statues, and marble filled the church. It was a little like being in Rome at one of those unbelievably detailed and beautiful cathedrals. If you get a chance to visit, it is well worth your visit. By the way, Mass is at 11:00 daily to my understanding.

To all who are getting set to come to the State Convention in May, get ready for a filled couple of days that weekend. From what I hear, the plans are well under way for another great event in our history. I hope you send more than just your 2 delegates representing your Council. The chance to get together with representation from across the state is a once a year opportunity. Please take advantage of it. Plus, I think you'll have some fun while you do join us.

Councils who held a Food Drive in March (or earlier in the year) should fill out the Food Drive form and receive credit for all 4 of your Columbia Award "Community" requirements. By sending in the form, our state will also get a chance to share in the overall fund; allowing us to direct some cash back to Food Shelves across the state. I sure hope you can help those in need

St. Michael's Medal

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military? Did you know that you can request a St. Michael Medal to be sent to them from our State Chaplain? There is no cost to you or the military service person. And the military person does not need to be a Knight of Columbus.

All you need to do is send the name of the person in the military, their rank, branch of service, and address to State Chaplain, Father David Maciej. He will send the medal directly to the serviceman/woman along with a Holy Card and the prayers of the Knights of Columbus in Minnesota.

Of course prayers from our Minnesota Knights' families are very important to our military men and women. Continue to pray for them and their safety.

Please send your request to: Father David Maciej, State Chaplain, St. John Nepomuk Parish, P. O. Box 38, Lastrup, MN 56344.

State Warden Tidbits

By: Ray Wojtysiak, State Warden



I just got back from the spring quarter State Officers meeting. We discussed a number of items, but I feel one of the most important items was the time spent on developing a Strategic Long Range Plan. We need to determine where we are today and where we want to be in 5, 10, and 15 years and then determine the route to get there. This type of planning would also assist your local councils in determining where you are going. We need to implement a plan for progress or we may just find ourselves wandering around in the desert for a number of years. We have started working on this, but have a long way to go.

You will most likely be knee deep in **End of Year** reports when you receive this newsletter. You will also need to be aware of which Convention committees you as Grand Knights and District Deputies have been assigned to by the State Deputy as listed in the February 2010 newsletter edition. That list is available at www.mnknights.org. Many of you are assigned to be Warden's Assistants. You are expected to be in attendance at the Convention and be available to collect and help count ballots and other such work as deemed necessary.

Your Council nominating committee should have presented a slate of officer candidates to be voted on for the upcoming new year. Your election should be held between May 15 and June 15 with installation of officers done by your District Deputy by the 30th of June. Please make sure that a new form 185 (Election of Officers) is filed by the end of June. This must be done even if the same officers are elected for another term. Now would be a good time to make sure that all required paperwork has been sent in to State and Supreme.

I am looking forward to working with many of you at the MN State KC Convention in St. Cloud next month.



THANK YOU

The Knights thank Archbishop Nienstedt, all Bishops and Priests for your prayers and spiritual guidance to the Knights in Minnesota. In this "Year of the Priest" we honor you and thank you!



Exemplification News

By: Tom Grinnell
District Master



Brother Knights the Fourth Degree Exemplification of April 17th in Duluth is almost upon us. I hope you will be joining us in this beautiful city as a candidate or as a Sir Knight in a supportive role. The Duluth Assembly Exemplification Team has done a magnificent job in making this week end a very enjoyable experience. The spring exemplification usually has a class of over one hundred candidates. The exemplification itself is very beautiful and an impressive expression of love for our country and our Catholic faith.

The week end starts with a Friday night steak dinner at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church Hall. Socializing with friends and the meeting of new friends starts with the dinner and continues in the hotel hospitality rooms provided by assemblies in the Minnesota District. The candidates register late Saturday morning at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) for the noon exemplification while the ladies enjoy a "Joy of Giving" luncheon at the Holiday Inn. We give thanks, honor and praise to Christ our King at the four o'clock Exemplification Mass held in the Lake Superior Ballroom of the DECC. This is followed by the "Welcome Banquet" overlooking the Duluth harbor. We are honored to have Bishop Paul Sirba as our guest and speaker at the banquet.

Costs and registration forms can be found on the web site at www.mnknights.org/4thdegree/Forms.htm Registration data was also included in the March edition of the Knightly News which can be viewed on the Minnesota State Council website. Candidate and Sir Knight Attire for the exemplification is the uniform for the Fourth Degree which is a black tux with a white formal lay-down collar shirt, black studs, cuff links bow tie, socks and shoes. Military, Police and Firefighters may wear their class "A" uniform in lieu of the tux. Ladies attire should complement the occasion.

Please join us in Duluth April 17th and in the mean time our best wishes for a Blessed and Happy Easter. And may God bless you and may He continue to bless America.

Membership

By: John Tanaka, State Membership Director

The snow is melted, winter is passing into spring and it's a great time to recruit a new member. We have completed 9 months of this fraternal year and there are 108 Councils that have not recruited a new member. WHY IS MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT? Each month we lose members and to keep the Knights of Columbus active and vital in our parishes we need to replace those members. It's hard to ask our friends, family and parishioners to join the Knights, **after all what if they say NO.** What if they ask me why? What if they don't like the Knights? So don't ask. Let the other guy do it. It's not my problem. The Grand Knight, Membership Chairman or Financial Secretary should be doing recruiting.

EACH KNIGHT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO RECRUIT OR HELP RECRUIT AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER EVERY YEAR. We have over 40,000 active members in the state. There are a little more than 3,300 who have recruited 1 or more new members. So that leaves 37,000 possible membership recruiters available to find a new member. Just think what could be done if we found just 1000 new members between now and June 30th. We might find 100 new Grand Knights, all kinds of new project leaders, brothers who would pick up older projects and renew enthusiasm. We could start new projects for our church, youth, community, family and council. New members and projects would encourage more men. All it takes is a few more Knights finding a few more new members.

Don't let another month go by without trying to recruit a new member. The Supreme web site has a lot of good resource material to help you and your council with recruitment. If your council does the same activities year after year without success explore new ideas. Jim Motz in the SE Region did. Jim, along with Knights from Council 1013, developed a great brochure that explains the K of C along with detailed information about what the Knights have contributed in the State. Your District Deputy has the brochure available for your use. You can edit it to add your Councils activities.

Remember: You are not alone in recruiting new members. Your State and Supreme Support Representatives and Staff are available to help. We want to help in anyway asked. Don't let yourself or your council become stagnate. The K of C needs you more than ever and the importance of finding new members is a top priority if we are to continue to actively support the projects so important to our future.

State Convention Just Around the Corner

Before long we will be gathering in St. Cloud for the 2010 State Knights of Columbus Convention. I always look forward to the convention as it gives us an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and see friends that we don't get to see very often. I am always renewed by your spirit of Columbianism.

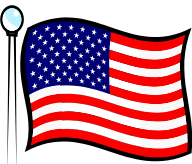
As is customary, the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan, Inc. will conduct its annual meeting during the convention. We will be reporting on a very successful, although challenging, year. We will also elect two directors to the Student Loan board. I would encourage any Knight in good standing to consider running for one of these positions. The Student Loan program is one of the most important programs we have. Each year we loan hundreds of thousands of dollars to K.C. family members to assist with their education. Please consider getting involved in this important and rewarding work.

As I said, we will be reporting on a very successful year. The board is in the process of setting some long range goals and policies. You may be aware that banks and lending institutions have come under increased scrutiny recently. The student loan program is not unaffected by this. We are presently considering some of these regulatory issues and what their impact will be on our student loan program. We have very capable directors on our board and we will work our way through these issues.

I want to close by thanking the membership for their continued generosity to the Student Loan program. Your support is amazing. We still do have a number of councils that do not support the program. I would ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the program both as councils and individually. Remember, MN K of C Student Loan, Inc. is a 501C3 tax exempt organization and the all personal contributions are tax deductible. All individual donations are tracked and credited to your council's contribution total.

Thanks again, looking forward to seeing you at the convention.

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chair
MN K of C Student Loan, Inc.



Knights of Columbus wins Pledge of Allegiance case in Federal Appeals Court

Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds constitutionality of "under God" in Pledge

(San Francisco, CA) - The Ninth U.S. Circuit of Appeals ruled today that the words "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance do not violate the Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words "under God" to the Pledge in the early 1950's, and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

"This decision is a victory for common sense," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "It is also a welcome reversal of the Ninth Circuit's 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today, the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer. Best of all, the Court said that the words 'under God' add a 'note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.' Every responsible person knows that, and today's decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that has too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America," Anderson concluded.

In today's ruling, the Court noted that, "Among the 'self-evident truths' the Framers believed was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the 'Laws of Nature and Nature's God' and that the purpose of government should be to "secure those rights.'" Such beliefs provide the contest in which the words of the Pledge of Allegiance must be understood, the Court said.

The Knights of Columbus and several individual Knights and their families were defendant-interveners in the case, and the court's 2-1 decision incorporates many of the arguments presented to the Court by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represented the Knights in the case. Oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit panel had been heard in December 2007. Other defendants in the case included the United States government and a Sacramento-area school district.

March 11, 2010 — Taken from Supreme K of C Web-site

Council Election of Officers — Form 185

All Minnesota KC Councils will be electing new officers soon. **Form 185** must be filled out immediately and sent to the **Supreme Office with a copy to the State Office.**

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to complete this right after elections. These must be sent in no later than July 1, 2010 — Sooner would be better!



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 25, 2010



This is a tentative agenda and is subject to change
STATE CONVENTION AGENDA
St. Cloud Holiday Inn

Friday, May 14, 2010

12:30 – 4:00 pm	State Council Meeting - Board Room
3:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration – Pool Side
5:30 – 6:30 pm	District Deputies & State Deputy - Heritage Room
3:00 - 7:00 pm	Exhibits Set Up - Pool Side and Hall
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Scrap Books Displayed for Judging – Pool Side
6:00 - 8:30 pm	Spanish/American Buffet with Entertainment – Banquet Hall
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Adoration Chapel -- Twins Room
7:30 – 8:30 pm	First Degree Exemplification - Heritage Room
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Rooms Open in Suites

Saturday, May 15

6:45 – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet in the Atrium
7:30 – 9:00 am	Registration – Pool Side
8:00 – 9:00 am	Memorial Mass for Deceased – Banquet Hall
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Children's Activities Available -- Viking Room Advance registration needed at hotel front desk.
9:15 – Noon	Open Session (Wives and Family Included) – Banquet Hall
9:15 am	State of the State Presentation – State Deputy Ricardo Acevedo
10:30 am	Awards
11:30 – 1:30 pm	Women’s Luncheon --Pool Side
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Men’s Luncheon – Atrium
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Adoration Chapel -- Twins Room
1:00 – 5:30 pm	Convene Annual Business Meeting Elections Resolutions Awards Election Results Student Loan Board Election Continue Awards Announcements and Reports Recess until 8:30 am Sunday
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet.
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Children’s Pizza Party. Depending on advanced reservations—Viking Room
9:15 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Rooms Open

Sunday, May 16

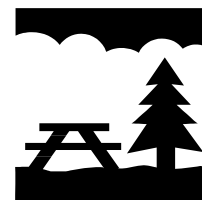
6:45 – 8:15 am	Breakfast Buffet in Atrium
8:30 - 10:00 am	Open Session of Meeting & Adjournment
10:30 am	Closing Convention Mass



42nd Annual
Knights of Columbus
International Camporee
 July 30—August 6, 2010

The Minnesota Knights of Columbus are honored to be hosting the 42nd Annual Knights of Columbus International Camporee (KCIC). We are excited to be welcoming guests from other states and Canadian provinces, but certainly would enjoy a good showing by our Minnesota Brother Knights as well. Come join in the fun! If you are not a camper but would like to attend, you may stay at an area motel and come out to spend the day with us or just drive down for a day.

Shades of Sherwood Campground
 14334 Sherwood Trail
 Zumbrota, MN 55992
 www.shadesofsherwood.com
 Phone: 507-732-5100



The campground is located north of Rochester in Zumbrota, MN. They are holding a large block of sites. **Call now to reserve your spot.** Sites will be held until May 1 and then be opened to the public. All camp sites only have water and electricity. The per day camping fee is \$42 for 2 adults and \$45 per day for a family plus tax. The campground has a dump fee of \$10 that can be requested from the office.

On Saturday, the campground is hosting “Halloween in August”, which will be fun for the whole family. Tickets are available at the office for participation in this.

Many activities are planned throughout the week which include a variety of meals, tours, golfing, horseshoe tournament, kids crafts, teen party, wine tasting, and the ever popular “*Dummy Tournament.*” Mass and prayer services are a part of the week as well. There is something for everyone!

To receive a KCIC registration packet or obtain more information, contact:



Dennis Brletich
 13269 Humboldt Avenue S.
 Burnsville, MN 55337



ATTENTION ALL COUNCILS and ASSEMBLIES
(UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATION OF FUNDS)

Every month each council and assembly receives requests to donate funds. Occasionally a well meaning brother knight will supply names and addresses to groups or individuals who would like to solicit funds from multiple councils. This is a violation of our policy stated in the front cover of the directory. The policy reads as follows:

“All requests for use of the information in this directory must receive the prior approval of the State Deputy. Requests must include a copy of the mailing and the extent of the mailing.”

Please feel free to contact the State Deputy if you have questions regarding any solicitations you receive.

April Grand Knight Things To Do

- Schedule a First Degree.
- Submit credential for convention delegates.
- Suspension of councils for nonpayment of per capita.
- Submit end of year report & awards form by April 10 to the State Program Director.
- Prepare and agenda for meeting.
- Nominating committee report!
- Hold Tootsie Roll Drive.



Still Work To Be Done

By: Pat & Debi Larson, Prolife Chaircouple

President Obama and top Democratic congressional leaders have launched a final all out push to enact a massive health care restructuring bill that, among other things, contains sweeping pro-abortion provisions.

On December 24 the Senate passed the pro abortion legislation H.R. 3590. However, so far the White House and Democratic leaders have been unable to muster the votes to pass the bill in the House of Representatives. This is partly because of resistance to the pro-abortion provisions among House Pro-Life Democrats, led by Brother Bart Stupak.

House Speaker Pelosi is currently writing a new bill that would make some changes to H.R. 3590 and present it in such a manner that it would not be subject to a Republican filibuster in the Senate. The changes proposed by President Obama would fix none of the abortion problems in the Senate-passed bill.

This is no time to relax. Each member of the House should be urged to oppose the pro abortion language in the health bill H.R. 3590. No matter what cosmetics are proposed or promised, this bill contains provisions that would result in abortion mandates and abortion subsidies.

It is critical that your elected Congressional Representatives and Senators be contacted to restore language of the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to H.R.3590, and not pass H.R. 3590 without it. Visit the [NRLAction center.com](http://NRLActionCenter.com) and use the form to send messages to your Senators and House Member urging them to adopt a Pro Life stance, not a Destruction of Life stance. When you plug in your mailing address your messages will automatically be sent to the appropriate House member and your two U. S. Senators.

Any questions you can always contact Debi or myself. Your voices have been heard, but there is still work to be done.

Exemplification Schedule

Date	Location	1st Degree	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	Host DD	
Saturday	04/17/10	Fourth Degree Exemplification—Duluth				
Saturday	04/24/10	Cathedral School/Crookston	9:30 a.m./4619	11:30 a.m./Lourdes	Korzendorfer	Wayne Weber 218-281-6679
Saturday	05/01/10	Epiphany/Coon Rapids	8:00 a.m./2018	9:30 a.m./B. Nichols	Metro	Jim Schwalbe 763-757-3330
Saturday	05/08/10	St. Joseph Church/Rosemount	9:00 a.m./5569	10:30 a.m./Fr. John Deere	So. Suburban	Milbert Meier 952-270-1389
Saturday	05/15/10	State Convention 1st Degree Friday, May 14—no second and third degree				

If you wish to host or have requested a major degree and do not see it here, please contact Dave Whatmuff, Director of Ceremonials (763) 420-4995, e-mail at KCDegreesMN@gmail.com. If you plan to bring candidates to any exemplification, contact the host DD with the number of candidates via e-mail (DDxx@mnknights.org). To see a complete schedule of degrees, check the state web-site at www.mnknights.org.

Ceremonials Update

By: Dave Whatmuff, Ceremonials Director

Response to the plan for a First Degree Team Competition has been very disappointing ... only a small number of teams feel that they are “ready for competition”. This highlights my concerns about the standard of first-degree ceremonials – if teams do not feel that they are of a high enough standard to compete with others, should they be exemplifying the most important principle of our order, Charity, to new candidates?

I have seen many first degrees around the state ... some good, some not so good ... and the biggest failing by far, is the lack of memorization. Look inside the degree book ... in bold type you will find the words “**All parts must be memorized**”. Yet so many team members stand at the podium and read their parts ... and have been doing this for years! Whilst this is acceptable in certain circumstances ... when a new team member is learning the part, or if a team member is unable to attend a degree and no replacement is available ... it should **not** be the norm. I hear a number of excuses ... “I’m too old to memorize a part”, “we don’t get enough practice”. Supreme suggests that teams should hold a degree **every month**, and if there are no candidates, just do it for the practice! I agree that lack of memorization should not prevent us from bringing in new candidates, but what kind of message about our order are we giving to these new candidates, when we cannot make the effort to put on a good initiation?

Ceremonial team members ... you are appreciated! As I have said many times, you deserve the gratitude of all 44,000 Minnesota Knights, because without you our order would wither and die!

However, I encourage all team members who do not know their parts to make a special effort in 2010 to rectify this – you know who you are!

We will be having a first degree on the Friday evening of the State Convention, May 14th, at 7pm. The recently formed State First Degree Team, consisting entirely of State Officers and Staff, will be exemplifying the basic principle of our order. Please plan to attend, and if you will be bringing candidates, please contact me with numbers.



TOOTSIE ROLL MONIES

Councils are encouraged to send in the money collected from the Tootsie Roll Drive ASAP. The recipients need it for their programs!

(KC Ultrasound Initiative cont. fr.. Page 1)

Here’s where listening and being open to new ideas really plays a part with our members from across the state. The Mound (#6005) Council’s Pro-life Chair asked Joe Konrardy, Our State Treasurer if there are any limits to the program. Other than what Joe understood and outlined above, Joe knew of none. Gary Henja commented “Why doesn’t a District get together and raise the money for a machine?” There isn’t a reason a District couldn’t put forth a group effort to do this. In fact, there isn’t a reason that a couple of District’s couldn’t get together and as a group raise \$7500 to get a machine.

So I ask each District Deputy to call their Councils and see how you might join forces to raise enough to obtain a machine. Our Pro-life Couple, Pat & Debra Larson, will be encouraging the same across the state.

Grand Knights, you have a rare opportunity to join forces with your peers in the area and make this happen. I ask that you do not sit back and wait for a call, but rather get on the phone and reach out to your DD. Get a hold of your peers in neighboring communities and see how you can generate some of these funds together. You do not have to do it alone! It’s not out of the box thinking. It’s basic to the Order; help others, especially others who are in need. And in this case, it will save lives!!!!!!

I’d like to see 5 machines placed in the state, wouldn’t you? That would mean we, as a state wide group, need to raise \$37,500 (5x\$7500). If every Council would generate \$125-\$150+ (times almost 300 Councils) that’s all that it would take. What is a life worth? I’m sure you will agree with me that it’s worth a lot more than \$150. It’s time to put our efforts behind a worthy cause like this. If you wish to donate directly to a state wide fund for ultrasound machines, just send your \$125 - \$150+ to MN State Council and I’ll start up a fund.

Many State Knight of Columbus Councils have started this program in their part of the world. Minnesota can ALSO! Individual donations accepted! Thank you for your Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism!

Minnesota Squires

By: John Magnoski State Squire Chairman



On February 27th, The Columbian Squires Chief Squire John Long held his first State Squires Officers meeting. In attendance were State Deputy Ricardo Acevedo along with the two State Squire committeemen and Circle Counselors. Circle officers from Duluth, Pine City and Hinckley were also present. The Squires spent their time planning out State events for the upcoming months.

On Sunday May 2nd The Squires Color Guard will be carrying the American and Papal Flags in the 63rd Annual Family Rosary Procession. They will also be in attendance at the K of C Convention on May 15th in St. Cloud.

The Squires have set the date for their next all Squires Convention to August 13-14-15. We will be revisiting the work project we began on a Marian Shrine next to Old Treaty Crossing State Park outside of Red Lake Falls at Huot, MN. This event is a family friendly event. Anyone interested in learning more about both our Squire and Squirette programs are welcome to attend. We will have two campsites set up, one for boys and one for girls. If you would like to bring your youth group, children or just want to get started in this much needed work for our Catholic Children please attend.

The Squires Color Guard has been invited back to the Worldwide Children's Holy Hour in Washington D.C. on October 2nd. The boys are in need of funds in order to attend. They will be having several fund raisers in the next few months. Any Council or individual who would like to donate directly to this cause can contact me to work out details.

The Squire committee and the State Deputy discussed the state of the program. Consensus is that while our program remains largely unaccepted by the bulk of our Councils, individual Knights are beginning to step forward to begin in this work. The most promising areas for growth at this time are Prior Lake Savage, St. Louis Park and Thief River Falls.

Thief River Falls is in the final process of forming their Circle. They have four Squires who were invested last August. With the aid of Dan Schmitz DSC - 218-253-2556, Robert Buresh DD - 218-681-7209, a Squires Chief Counselor has been selected. Kevin Costa - 218-964-5533 of the Thief River Falls Council will head up the Circle. Anyone within driving distance to Thief River Falls are welcome to enroll their boys aged 10 through 18 in the program. Please contact the Knights listed.

April is Squires month and Minnesota has earned a goose egg. It has been over three years since any new Circles have been started. It is time for us to step up and work with our children to help preserve their faith, teach them to be responsible adults and brighten the future of our Country. The Squires is a leadership program based on the simple motto “Esto Dignus/Be Worthy. Being Worthy is sadly missing in our world today. Each of us can reflect on our own lives and the lives of those we place in authority to see the lack of this quality. So in essence the result of helping our children to be better people, helps us to practice being better people. Let's erase the goose egg from our State record, get those Circles started, we are after all the first home of the Columbian Squires program.

On a personal note the failure of the acceptance by Councils of the program has plagued me for a long time this makes me question if I am worthy. As you can figure I don't feel worthy. That said I am making a personal appeal to all Councils with a challenge, I will donate \$100.00 to any Circle started between now and July 1, 2010. If the goose egg remains I will step down as State Squire Chairman. For more information on anything Squires contact John Magnoski at 952-223-4934



Knights of Columbus Day With the Minnesota Twins at Target Field

August 22, 2010

Mark your calendars! More info to follow!

Something for Free?



Free? Really? You can not get something for free in too many places these days! But joining the Father McGivney Guild is free. So every Brother Knight should be a member. It only takes five minutes of your time to fill out the coupon in your issue of *Columbia* magazine, put it in an envelope, and place it in the mail. Donations are accepted if you so choose. Sign up today!

Foundation Update

The Minnesota Knights Foundation was organized to establish a corpus of funds whereby the interest from such investments could be used to fund important activities of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus. The first and foremost objective is to fund activities such as Seminarians, Pro-Life, and Catholic Education. The second objective is to establish a matching grant program to aid local council in their fundraising/charitable activities. This second objective like the first helps the Knights of Columbus at both the State and Local levels in promoting our organization in our communities.

Last year was the first time the Foundation sponsored a state wide raffle. \$125,000.00 was raised with over \$60,000 given back to the local councils in sales commissions making this the largest local council fundraising effort in KC history. \$20,000 in prizes was given out last year with \$40,000 invested into the Knights Foundation.

This year we are conducting the raffle again and hoping to raise even more funds. The drawing will be held during the State Convention banquet in St Cloud.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation or the State Raffle please contact State Advocate Jim Terwedo at stateadvocate@mnknights.org or at 952-492-2200.

MEMORIAM

Please pray for our recently deceased members:

- Austin #3628
- Charles Heidgerken
- Albert Lea #1590
- Virgil Grosland
- James Riley
- Bloomington #3827
- Carl H. Lindahl
- Oliver Jarosch
- Albert J. Grazzini
- Douglas Lamb
- Crystal #3656
- Raymond T. Duffy
- Detroit Lakes #3166
- Philip G. Birkelo
- Vernon E. Bryngelson
- Omer H. Tholkes
- Farmington #2400
- Edwin Brunette
- Gilbert #5031
- Philip Virkus
- International Falls #1540
- Peter Kellner
- Lakeville #8367
- Kevin LeClair

- Montgomery #1573
- Ben Barta
- John Hartley
- Mora #5078
- Cyril J. Haeg
- Pierz #3982
- Leo F. Bolster
- Richard R. Miller
- Red Wing #1223
- Richard (Dick) Murphy
- Redwood Falls #3863
- John Crain
- Sauk Centre #4863
- Edward Jenc
- Bud Minette
- Slayton #2587
- Ervin F. Haberman

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please submit names of deceased members to:

Rick Hirschfelt
Fraternalism Chair
9700 45th Ave.—Apt. 305
Plymouth, MN 55422
Phone: 763-755-1052



MINNESOTA KNIGHTS FOUNDATION
2nd ANNUAL STATE WIDE RAFFLE

Ticket No. XXXXXXXXX

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Council No: _____

Winner Need Not Be Present To Win

Ticket No. XXXXXXXXX

Sponsored by:
Minnesota Knights Foundation

Drawing May 15, 2010 \$5.00 per Ticket
8 p.m. St. Cloud, Minnesota
Winner Need Not Be Present To Win

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| 1 st Prize: \$5,000.00 | 9 th Prize: \$500.00 | 17 th Prize: \$100.00 |
| 2 nd Prize: \$4,000.00 | 10 th Prize: \$500.00 | 18 th Prize: \$100.00 |
| 3 rd Prize: \$3,000.00 | 11 th Prize: \$300.00 | 19 th Prize: \$100.00 |
| 4 th Prize: \$2,000.00 | 12 th Prize: \$300.00 | 20 th Prize: \$100.00 |
| 5 th Prize: \$1,000.00 | 13 th Prize: \$300.00 | 21 st Prize: \$100.00 |
| 6 th Prize: \$500.00 | 14 th Prize: \$300.00 | 22 nd Prize: \$100.00 |
| 7 th Prize: \$500.00 | 15 th Prize: \$300.00 | 23 rd Prize: \$100.00 |
| 8 th Prize: \$500.00 | 16 th Prize: \$100.00 | 24 th Prize: \$100.00 |
| | | 25 th Prize: \$100.00 |

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(SAMPLE TICKET)

*** Great Prizes**

*** Great Council Fundraiser**
*** Over \$8,000.00 to local Councils***

*** Great Price**

** If any Council was not able to get these out with their dues, just detach tickets and sell them separately at your local Council events all winter until May 1, 2010. Remember that 50% of ticket price will be sent back to each Council as your commission in selling each ticket. If you need more tickets call 952-492-2800.

Supreme Convention

The 128th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention will be Aug 3-5 in Washington, DC. The convention this year will also commemorate the tenth anniversary of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. There are many places to visit including the Basilica of the National Shrine and the John Paul II Cultural Center. The convention hosts always provide tours of the area's "sites to see."

Any brother knight can attend the convention. In Minnesota we are allocated ten delegates. A delegate must be a Third Degree member in good standing, with at least 4 of the delegates being insurance members. Delegates are paid mileage and per diem to attend the convention. This covers most, but not all, of the costs of the attending.

Delegates are elected during the Saturday business session of the State Convention in St Cloud. If you would like to be nominated as a delegate, please make yourself known to State Advocate Jim Terwedo prior to nominations on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the state officers.

Conference To Be Held

Monsignor Eduardo Chavez Sanches—Postulator for the cause of Canonization of St. Juan Diego from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and Archbishop Raymond L. Burke will be at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI on June 26, 2010. The program on Saturday will be in English and the program on Sunday will be in Spanish. Please visit the Shrine web-site at: <http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/Home/Home.asp> for more info. Monsignor Chavez was with us at the Supreme Convention in Phoenix last summer—<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/news/supreme/detail/548790.html> and at the First International Marian Congress: <http://www.guadalupefestival.org/en/index.html>. The convention delegates from Minnesota that were there were pleased with a very powerful presentation about Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are truly blessed that Msgr. Chavez will be so close to us here in Minnesota. I look forward to seeing him again.



Insurance Corner



If you have any questions or concerns regarding Knights of Columbus insurance, please contact our general agents:

E. Central & NE

Jim Szczech, General Agent
2 Second Ave. S, Suite 145
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
PH: 320-252-7173

Metro Area

Dale Robinson, General Agent
3881 Highland Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
PH: 651-757-4400

W. Central & NW

Leroy Mathern, General Agent
1903 Aga Drive, Suite 550
Alexandria, MN 56308
PH: 320-763-8228

Southern

Aaron Jelinek, General Agent
PO Box 1018
Prior Lake, MN 55379
PH: 952-358-0568

Two New Enhancements to the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program that will benefit you!

By: Dale Robinson, General Agent

Great news! The Knights of Columbus insurance program has just been enhanced two ways. We have two new products to provide even more coverage to our members and their families. We are now able to insure most people who might otherwise be deemed uninsurable through our new Graded Benefit Whole Life policy. In addition, our Single Premium Whole Life policy can now be purchased up to age 80.

So, why is the Graded Benefit Whole life policy good for you? Well, perhaps your health has caused you to be declined for life insurance but would like to have at least some permanent insurance in place to help cover burial costs or other contingencies. This policy has a tax free death benefit that is guaranteed level for life with guaranteed cash value growth. Purchase can be made up to age 65. There are very few health restrictions to qualify for this fine policy.

The fact that our Single Premium Whole Life policy can now be purchased up to age 80 will be sure to enhance many insurance portfolios. This paid up policy instantly leverages the single premium by providing a tax free death benefit to beneficiaries larger than the premium paid in. It is a marvelous way of leaving a small or large sum of tax free dollars to your beneficiaries. Like the Graded Benefit policy, it too provides guaranteed cash value growth.

Be sure to contact your local Field Agent or General Agent for additional information and to help you determine if these policies are right for your portfolio.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed resolutions for the State Convention have been mailed out. Councils should review them and be ready to vote on them at the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Terwedo, State Advocate.

Please Support Knights of Columbus Insurance

By: Ricardo Acevedo, State Deputy

Each year about this time my wife and I look at our Roth and IRA contributions to see what we will do and then where to invest the funds. My wife cannot think of a better place to invest the funds than with the Knights of Columbus.

Since we know what the Knights of Columbus stand for and where they spend their funds like the Culture of Life Fund, Scholarships for Seminarians, and the Haiti Relief Fund just to name a few, we can see that we are investing in the right place. An organization that believes in what is important to us.

Another item is the programs that the Knights of Columbus have for Police, Full-time Firemen, (does not include volunteer Firemen), Emergency Responders, and Military personnel that are disabled or die in the line of duty as a result of a criminal act. The children of that Brother Knight would be eligible for \$25,000 a year for 4 years to any Catholic College in the U.S. Every Catholic man who works in this fields should join the Knights of Columbus today! Please talk to an Insurance Agent for more info.

I like security of being an Insurance member that if I were to die my spouse would have a KC Agent visit and help her in the hour of need and that he would let her know what my insurance and investments could do for her and our family.

That is why the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney started the Order; the care of the widows and orphans of Brother Knights. I suggest that you read the biography, *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholics*. It is a short read.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY – HOPE for our times

On Sunday May 2, 2010 the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families have been asked to participate in the 63rd Annual May Day Family Rosary Procession from the Minnesota State Capitol to the Cathedral of St. Paul.

As the Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests, we have been asked to line John Ireland Blvd from the State Capitol to the Cathedral with our membership. We will need about 1500 KC and family members to line both sides of the street. Please wear your Fourth Degree tuxedo, if you have one otherwise please wear a KC hat, jacket, shirt, etc.

The Fourth Degree will help with organizing the membership the day of the event. All Fourth Degree members are asked to participate in the procession. The Honor Guard will lead and the membership in tuxedos will follow directly behind the Statue of Our Lady. The Columbian Squires Color Guard will carry the Papal and American Flag.

The Auxiliary will initiate a rose sale in their parishes to help in promotion of the procession. The roses will be carried in procession and given as an offering for the protection of our families, religious and priests.

Because of the special initiative this year to bring all families together in one place, there will be no procession at the Basilica in Minneapolis.

Please mark your calendars to attend this prayer event. Bring your families, parishes, religious and priests. Parish and organizational banners are welcome.

Assembly time is at 1:30 pm at the State Capitol. Arrive a little earlier for better parking. The procession begins at 2 pm followed by a Holy Hour inside the Cathedral.

In order to make this event possible, all councils who will be lining the street are asked to register prior to the event. We ask that you submit your list by April 15th. The lists can be sent to:

The Family Rosary Procession Committee
C/O John Magnoski
526 Upper Wood Way
Burnsville, MN 55337

For more information, please contact John Magnoski at 952-223-4934.

Are you a Knight of the Roundtable?

Fr. McGivney’s vision of the Knights of Columbus was to have a KC council in each parish. As it turns out many of our parishes aren’t large enough to support a KC council. Many of our rural parishes have less than 100 families with one council supporting numerous parishes. For that purpose the Roundtable Program was developed. The Roundtable Program is a way to ensure that there is a KC presence in each parish. It is a way that members can participate in local projects as a part of their council. There is a Roundtable brochure available from Supreme that explains in detail how to form and conduct the Roundtable Program. The Roundtable Program counts as four activities in the Church Program category for the Columbian Award for your council.

The Roundtable Program is also a way to start new councils. If a parish has over 200 families and has a roundtable, that parish deserves to have its own council. Just think of the possibilities that a KC council could bring to your parish.

If you would like more information regarding the Roundtable Program visit: www.kofc.org or contact your District Deputy or any of your state officers. We would like to help you fulfill Fr. McGivney’s vision.

Is Your Council on “The List?”

April 1 is the beginning of the fourth quarter of our fraternal year. At this point we are only half way to our membership goal set by Supreme. As of today there are over 100 councils that haven’t recruited a member this year. It’s hard to believe that in those 100 councils, among the thousands of Brother Knights, not one of them had a son able to join the KC’s. It’s hard to believe that not one could get a fellow usher or fishing/golf/poker buddy to join the KC’s. It’s hard to believe that at a council Fish Fry, Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake Breakfast there was no one asking a fellow parishioner to join the KC’s.

The good news is: there is still time and there are several ways to recruit members and they are out there waiting to be asked. There are First Degree teams in every corner of the state that could help if candidates can’t get to one of the Major Degrees. If you don’t know where to find a First Degree please contact Ceremonial Director Dave Whatmuff at 763-420-4995 or ceremonialdirector@mknights.org.

Let’s try to get all councils off “The List.”